

coming up and this isn't the first time we've...the only bill we're doing this on, the only issue we're doing this on, but I think if we're going to have a study, I think the study should come first. Like I say, I do advocate local control, but I believe this goes far beyond what most of us think of as local control. We do have a liquor control board and we do expect them to have some power and responsibility. I don't think we should pass this law. I think we should be...after the study, probably amend our present laws. They aren't too lax. The standards right now are very inconsistent, but the issues here in this bill are very inconsistent and I think it's going to create a lot of problems for us. I just can't see that we should be passing a law and then study it after we've had it passed. That's just putting the cart before the horse. I support Senator Hoagland's motion to suspend the rules and bring the bill back and encourage all of you to also vote that way.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose the kill motion on this to return the bill and strike the enacting clause. I feel very strongly that we need local control in our liquor industry. I feel that those people know better than a three-man commission here in Lincoln and I realize that we do have problems with our liquor statutes, but we're going to have an interim study this summer and we'll certainly study this portion of the law too. Senator Hoagland mentioned that we will have so many different standards. Why I think these local governing boards know best what standards would fit their local community and so I think that we need it. Senator Hoagland says we have problems in the Liquor Control Act now and we have abuses and this is certainly true. This is why we are trying to give more authority to the local governing board and we think that they certainly would know how to handle it. I feel that local governing boards know best about the liquor applicant. They know best about the law enforcement that they have in their town or their city or their community. A little while ago I passed you out a purple sheet. It was two editorials, one from the Scottsbluff paper and one from the Norfolk paper and they certainly endorse this concept. The other day I passed editorials out from the Fremont paper and several others. The local governing boards feel that they can handle this problem and they are ready to handle this problem. And let me just talk about this blue sheet that Senator DeCamp passed out and this came from no other except the powerful liquor industry. They are spending a lot of money to defeat